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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON NORWEGIAN POSITION ON

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1. I DISCUSSED NORWEGIAN POSITION ON IEP AND POSSIBLE VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND ON SEPT. 10 PER HIS REQUEST (REF B). PRESSURE OF BUSINESS, INCLUDING DESIRE TO DISCUSS ENDERS VISIT WITH EMBASSY, DECIDED FRYDENLUND TO FLY TO COPENHAGEN INSTEAD OF ACCOMPANYING KING ON HIS YACHT; HE WILL RETURN TO OSLO SEPTEMBER 14. THE NORWEGIAN CABINET WILL CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN THE IEP ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AND THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT WILL BE CONSULTED ON IT ON SEPTEMBER 17. FRYDENLUND WILL BE IN NEW YORK AT THE UNGA BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 22 AND 29. PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI AND HE WILL SEEK CABINET AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVAL FOR NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN IEP. WHILE NOT SEEKING A MEETING WITH ENDERS, FRYDENLUND WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSULT WITH ENDERS IN NEW YORK AT THE UNGA OR, IF ENDERS WAS IN EUROPE AND WISHED TO SEE HIM PRIOR TO THE ECC MEETING, HERE IN OSLO. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE MORE USEFUL TO MEET AFTER THE CABINET AND

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FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAVE CONSIDERED NORWEGIAN IEP

PARTICIPATION SO THAT HE CAN DISCUSS ANY QUESTIONS OR NEEDS FOR SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MAY ARISE AS A RESULT OF THE CABINET OR COMMITTEE SESSIONS.

2. FRYDENLUND SHOWED ME TEXT OF A SPEECH ON RESOURCES WHICH PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI WOULD DELIVER LATER IN THE DAY (SEPTEMBER 10). THIS SPEECH CONTAINED PASSAGE WHICH STATED NORWAY'S INTENTION TO TAKE PART IN SUITABLE JOINT PROGRAMS WORKED OUT AS A RESULT OF THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO SECURE AND STABILIZE ENERGY PRICES AND TO DEVELOP NEW TECHNOLOGY. THE SPEECH ALSO STATED THAT NORWAY WAS WORKING TO SECURE CLOSE ATTACHMENT OF THESE PROGRAMS TO THE OECD. FRYDENLUND INTERPRETED THE SPEECH AS A CLEAR STATEMENT OF NORWAY'S INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IEP. I AGREE. ALTHOUGH NOT AN OUTRIGHT STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR IEP, IT APPEARS TO BE OPENING SHOT IN TYPICAL BRATTELI CAMPAIGN TO OBTAIN THIS SUPPORT AND TO COUNTER PRESS REPORTS THAT NORWAY IS OPPOSING IEP IN BRUSSELS.

3. FRYDENLUND STATED THAT THE NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ECG WORKING PARTY MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 3-7 HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INDICATE THAT NORWAY WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE ON IEP PARTICIPATION PENDING PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL OF IT. THUS NORWAY WOULD PROBABLY BE UNABLE TO INDICATE ITS FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF IEP AT SEPTEMBER 19-20 ECG MEETING. FRYDENLUND ALSO EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT A NUMBER OF MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUES WHICH SURFACED AT ECG WORKING PARTY MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 3-7 WOULD PROBABLY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE IEP AT NEXT ECG MEETING AND THAT A FURTHER ECG MEETING MIGHT BE NECESSARY. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, HIS HOPE FOR AN EARLY CONCLUSION OF IEP.

4. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION ABOUT ANY CONSULTATIONS ON IEP HE MIGHT HAVE HAD WITH JAPANESE WHILE HE WAS IN TOKYO LAST WEEK, FRYDENLUND SAID JAPANESE HAD INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD JOIN. THEIR ONLY QUESTION WAS THEIR WISH TO HAVE THE IEP ESTABLISHED BY AN OECD COUNCIL RESOLUTION SO THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO SUBMIT IT TO THE DIET FOR APPROVAL.

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5. I TOLD FRYDENLUND THAT I CONSIDERED NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN IEP THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE I HAD TAKEN UP WITH HIM. I GAVE HIM TEXT OF POINTS A-F IN STATE 198061 AND SAID THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP NORWEGIANS REACH A DECISION FAVORABLE TO PARTICIPATION IN THE IEP AND THAT I WOULD CHECK WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS TO SEE WHEN AND WHERE IT WOULD BE

POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO SEE FRYDENLUND.

6. I DO NOT SEE ANY REASON FOR ENDERS TO COME TO OSLO AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH A VISIT LATER IN THE FALL OR PRIOR TO PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE SALUTARY, BACK STIFFENING EFFECT. INDICATION OF ENDERS WILLINGNESS TO COME TO OSLO HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT VISIT ITSELF WOULD DO MUCH MORE AT THIS TIME. FRYDENLUND underscored HIS SUPPORT FOR THE IEP AND PROMISED TO TAKE A STRONG LEAD IN STEERING IT THROUGH GOVERNMENT NEXT WEEK. IF ENDERS WERE TO COME TO OSLO NOW, I BELIEVE FRYDENLUND WOULD PREFER HE DID NOT SEE OTHER CABINET MEMBERS BECAUSE OF HIS FEAR THAT HIS ROLE WOULD BE UNDERCUT. A VISIT LATER IN YEAR WHEN ISSUES ARE ON TABLE MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO FRYDENLUND AND PROVIDE HIM WITH USEFUL SUPPORT. MEANWHILE, I BELIEVE HE PREFERENCES TO MANEUVER ALONE AND TO AVOID IMPRESSION U.S. IS TWISTING HIS ARM.

7. I CONTINUE STRONGLY TO RECOMMEND THAT APPOINTMENT BE ARRANGED FOR FRYDENLUND TO SEE SECRETARY KISSINGER IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK WHILE FRYDENLUND IS AT THE UNGA. FRYDENLUND HOLDS SECRETARY KISSINGER IN GREAT ESTEEM. GIVEN HIGH REGARD FOR SECRETARY IN NORWAY, I ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD HELP FRYDENLUND IN NORWEGIAN DELIBERATION OF IEP PARTICIPATION IF HE COULD SAY THAT THE SECRETARY HAD MET WITH HIM IN ORDER TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE IEP AS AN INTEGRAL ELEMENT IN WESTERN STRATEGIC POLICY AND TO EMPHASIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE HE ATTACHES TO NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN IT.

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